

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:	A MOLECULAR MARKER		

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF PANEL DECISION FROM PRE-APPEAL BRIEF
REVIEW AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

October 31, 2007

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Sir:

Applicants file this Response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review ("the Notice"), mailed June 1, 2007 from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. This Response is being filed in lieu of filing an Appeal Brief. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a request for continued examination, a petition for a three (3)-month extension of time to file this response after receipt of the Notice, and the requisite fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) and 1.17(e). With the extension, the response is due by November 1, 2007.

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